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Statues of Abraham Lincoln

Raymond Barger

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LINCOLN BUST TO BE HONOR

San Marino, Tiny Republic,
to Receive Bronze as
American's Gift.

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Wrote to Lincoln.

Near the end of the American Civil War the Republic of San Marino wrote to President Lincoln asking him to become an honorary citizen of the tiny republic which today has an area of thirty-six square miles and a population of 14,000. Lincoln accepted in a letter which still is carefully preserved and proudly exhibited in the town hall.

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DISCOVERS 'UTOPIA' ON PEAK IN ITALY

Dr. Kenneth Scott of W.R.U.
to Present Lincoln Bust
to Tiny Nation.

Dr. Kenneth Scott, professor of classics at Western Reserve University, who first learned of the Most Serene Republic of San Marino when he began a stamp collection in his boyhood, will present on July 4 a bust of Lincoln to this least and oldest Republic, which has recently become a reality to him.

Until 1932 San Marino was just a place which issued stamps. But in the summer of that year, when Dr. Scott took his family to Rimini, Italy, he discovered that the strange little country of the stamp book was within walking distance, and was visible high among the clouds on the top of Mount Titano like a dream country.

He climbed up to it. In scholarly fashion he dug into the archives and studied the government of the 14,400 inhabitants, and discovered that San Marino is a sort of Utopia. It has neither labor troubles nor unemployment nor debts and since its founding in 301 A. D. has had exceptionally long periods of peace.

Refused Opportunities.

"Its people do not want wealth," Dr. Scott said last night at his home at 2555 Kenilworth Road, Cleveland Heights, "for that would make their republic worth conquering. Twice they refused opportunities to turn their republic into a resort like Monte Carlo.

"Napoleon offered them lands, but they refused them. As a result, when Napoleon was out, the sanctity of their independence was still respected. With almost unparalleled wisdom and renunciation of worldly things for the ideal of freedom they have kept free from strife and bloodshed."

Dr. Scott wrote a monograph on the government of San Marino which will soon be published. The citizens opened their ancient books and recounted their traditions so obligingly that when they mentioned their desire for a medallion of Lincoln he commissioned a friend to make a bust for the council chamber.

Republic Honored Lincoln.

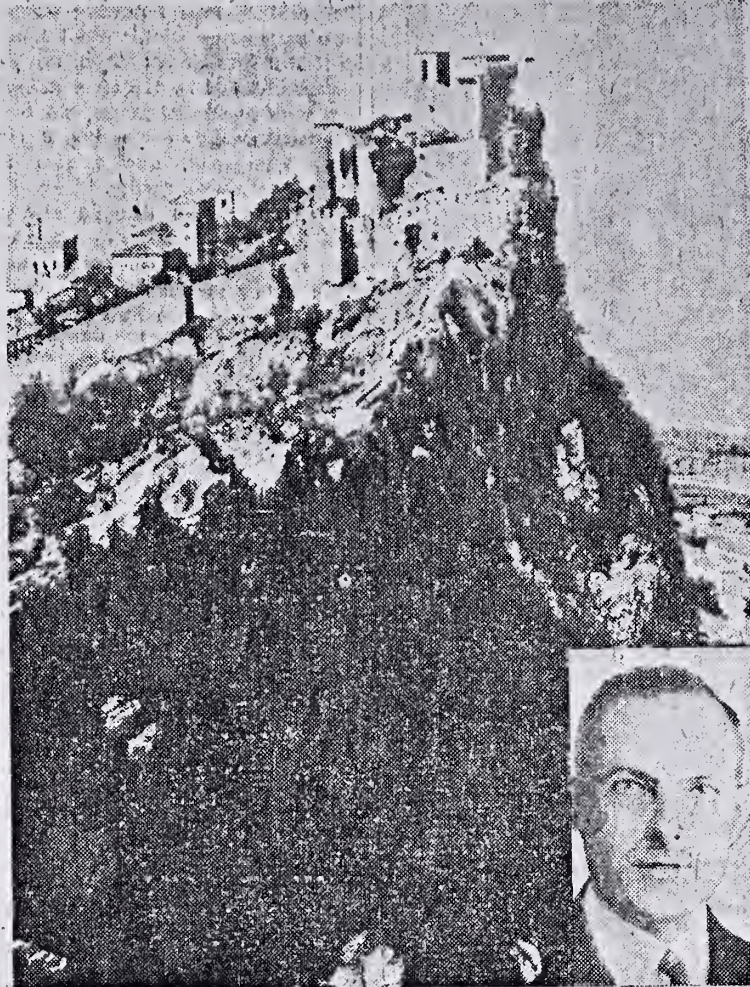
"San Marino once conferred honorary citizenship upon Lincoln," said Dr. Scott.

Dr. Scott found that San Marino is governed by a council of 60 citizens who receive no pay other than free transportation.

Since 1932 Dr. Scott, his wife and two children, Jean, 8, and Kenneth John, 7, have spent part of each summer near San Marino.

After Dr. Scott has attended the dedication of the Lincoln bust, he will go to Rome to give a course on the Age of Augustus at the Inter-University Institute there.

Cleveland to Honor Wonder Land



The Most Serene Republic of San Marino, the smallest in the world, and Dr. Kenneth Scott,

professor of classics, Western Reserve University, who will present the government a bust of Lincoln July 4.



UNVEIL BUST OF CITIZEN LINCOLN IN SAN MARINO

SAN MARINO, Republic of San Marino, Sept. 3.—(AP)—San Marino, 36 square mile republic surrounded by Fascist Italy, today unveiled in the palace a bronze bust of its honorary citizen, Abraham Lincoln.

San Marino, proud in the contention it is the world's oldest continuous republic, dates its liberal form of government back six centuries.

John Putnam, United States consul in Florence and the United States representative to San Marino, who took part in the ceremony, said:

"The action of the grand council in conferring citizenship of San Marino on the President of the United States pro tempore in October, 1860, as communicated to President Lincoln in March, 1861, creates a bond of friendship between our two countries which must cause sincerest gratification to every American."

The bust and tablet, executed by Raymond Barger, a young sculptor from Pittsburgh, Pa., were presented to San Marino by Prof. William Scott of Western Reserve university, Cleveland, O., a student of San Marino's history.



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